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(C) EAP/DAS and Ambassador to ASEAN Scot Marciel and the CDA delivered reftel demarches on Afghanistan to MFA Second Permanent Secretary Bilahari Kausikan in a February 20 meeting. Kausikan said Singapore would consider the request for views from Singapore, but Singapore has historically not focused on Afghanistan and has few insights to share. Noting that "the Middle East seems to be creeping eastward," he said Singapore is trying to understand Afghanistan better and is increasingly worried about the situation there.

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